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## CLINICAL OR REHABILITATIVE SERVICES CREDENTIAL

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The Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential authorizes the holder to perform the service designated on the credential. The service may be performed at any grade level: preschool, K-12, or in classes organized primarily for adults. The following authorizations may be listed on the document:

- Language, Speech, and Hearing
- Audiology
- Language, Speech, Hearing, and Audiology
- Orientation and Mobility
- Language, Speech and Hearing including Special Class Authorization (see below)

The Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential with Special Class Authorization authorizes the holder to teach classes of aphasic children. The candidate needs to complete course work in aphasia and in the methods of teaching school subjects, in addition to the course work for the Language, Speech, and Hearing authorization.

### Requirements for Individuals Prepared in California

Individuals must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

1. Obtain a master's or higher degree from a regionally-accredited college or university for all authorizations listed above except Orientation and Mobility (The Orientation and Mobility authorization requires at least one year of applicable graduate-level course work which may or may not have resulted in an advanced degree. In order to comply with the highest standard in federal regulations, the Commission requires that all candidates for a Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential hold a master's or higher degree for all authorizations, with the exception of Orientation and Mobility.)
2. Pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) (For more information, contact the CBEST Program, National Evaluation Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 340880, Sacramento, CA 94834-0880, 916-928-4001, or visit their website at [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com))
3. Complete a fifth year, or its equivalent, of college or university education
4. Complete a [Commission-approved specialized professional preparation program](#) resulting in formal recommendation for the credential by the college or university through which the program was completed

### Requirements for Individuals Prepared Outside of California

Individuals must satisfy **one** of the following options:

#### Option 1

Individuals who have been prepared out-of-state and completed a preparation program on or after January 1, 1997 from a state found to have equivalency standards must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

- a. Obtain a master's degree or higher for all designations except Orientation and Mobility (The Orientation and Mobility authorization requires at least one year of applicable graduate-level course work which may or may not have resulted in an advanced degree.)
- b. On or after January 1, 1997, complete a special education preparation program from a state determined to have equivalent standards to the California Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential—verified by either a copy of the certificate from the approved state or an eligibility letter from the institution where the program was completed or the state agency responsible for issuing the certificate (The out-of-state program must be in the approved Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential requested. See the equivalency list below to determine which state and specific areas have been approved for this option.)

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- c. Pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) (For more information, contact the CBEST Program, National Evaluation Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 340880, Sacramento, CA 94834-0880, 916-928-4001, or visit their website at [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com). A one-year nonrenewable credential may be issued at an employer's request.)

## Option 2

Applicants who have been prepared out of state and do not meet equivalency standards must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

- a. Obtain a master's degree or higher for all designations except Orientation and Mobility (The Orientation and Mobility authorization requires at least one year of applicable graduate-level course work which may or may not have resulted in an advance degree.)
- b. Verify that the program met the certification requirements for authorization requested in the public schools of the state in which it was completed – verified by either a copy of the certificate from the approved state or an eligibility letter from the institution where the program was completed or the state agency responsible for issuing the certificate
- c. Verify that the program included a practicum with school-age children, completed with a grade of “C” or better (Applicants who received a “pass,” “credit,” or “satisfactory” grade are assumed to have completed the practicum at a level at least equivalent to grade “C”.)
- d. Pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) (For more information, contact the CBEST Program, National Evaluation Systems, Inc., P.O. Box 340880, Sacramento, CA 94834-0880, 916-928-4001, or visit their website at [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com). A one-year nonrenewable credential may be issued at an employer's request.)

In addition to the requirements listed above, individuals qualifying via Option 1 or Option 2 for out-of-state applicants must submit the application materials listed below. California-trained applicants will submit these items through their recommending institution.

- a. Completed application ([form 41-4](#), revised 7/05 or later, and, if not previously submitted to the Commission, a completed LiveScan receipt ([41-LS](#)). Out-of-state residents have the option of submitting two fingerprint cards (FD-258) in lieu of a LiveScan receipt. If submitting fingerprint cards, current fingerprint [processing fees](#) must accompany the application packet.
  - b. Full application processing fee (see [Fee Information leaflet CL-659](#))
- *If the out-of-state preparation does not meet these requirements, the applicant should contact a California college or university with a Commission-approved program for a recommendation or advice about completing the requirements for the credential.*

Completion of the above requirements results in a Professional Clear Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential. To renew the Professional Clear Credential, the holder must complete 150 clock hours of planned and approved professional growth activities and the equivalent of full-time service for one-half of one school year on the Professional Clear Credential. For additional information, see the [Professional Growth Manual for Teaching and Services Credentials](#).

Reference: California Education Code, Section 44268

## [Colleges and Universities in California with Commission-Approved Programs](#)

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## Equivalency for Out-of-State Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Programs Completed on or after January 1, 1997 ([Key](#))

The following list identifies the special education teacher preparation programs in other states that have been determined by the Commission to be equivalent for the purposes of applying for the Professional Clear Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credentials in the categorical areas indicated. In general, the categorical areas include the federal disability categories.

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| <i>Alabama</i> .....              | LSH                | <i>Montana</i> .....        |          |
| <i>Alaska</i> .....               |                    | <i>Nebraska</i> .....       | LSH      |
| <i>Arizona</i> .....              |                    | <i>Nevada</i> .....         |          |
| <i>Arkansas</i> .....             | LSH                | <i>New Hampshire</i> .....  |          |
| <i>Colorado</i> .....             | AUD, LSH, SCA, O&M | <i>New Jersey</i> .....     |          |
| <i>Connecticut</i> .....          |                    | <i>New Mexico</i> .....     |          |
| <i>Delaware</i> .....             | AUD, LSH           | <i>New York</i> .....       |          |
| <i>District of Columbia</i> ..... |                    | <i>North Carolina</i> ..... | AUD, LSH |
| <i>Florida</i> .....              | LSH                | <i>North Dakota</i> .....   | LSH      |
| <i>Georgia</i> .....              |                    | <i>Ohio</i> .....           |          |
| <i>Hawaii</i> .....               |                    | <i>Oklahoma</i> .....       | LSH      |
| <i>Idaho</i> .....                |                    | <i>Oregon</i> .....         | LSH      |
| <i>Illinois</i> .....             |                    | <i>Pennsylvania</i> .....   | LSH      |
| <i>Indiana</i> .....              | LSH                | <i>Rhode Island</i> .....   | AUD, LSH |
| <i>Iowa</i> .....                 |                    | <i>South Carolina</i> ..... | LSH      |
| <i>Kansas</i> .....               | AUD, LSH           | <i>South Dakota</i> .....   | LSH      |
| <i>Kentucky</i> .....             |                    | <i>Tennessee</i> .....      |          |
| <i>Louisiana</i> .....            |                    | <i>Texas</i> .....          |          |
| <i>Maine</i> .....                | LSH                | <i>Utah</i> .....           |          |
| <i>Maryland</i> .....             |                    | <i>Vermont</i> .....        |          |
| <i>Massachusetts</i> .....        |                    | <i>Virginia</i> .....       | LSH      |
| <i>Michigan</i> .....             | LSH, SCA           | <i>Washington</i> .....     | AUD, LSH |
| <i>Minnesota</i> .....            |                    | <i>West Virginia</i> .....  |          |
| <i>Mississippi</i> .....          |                    | <i>Wisconsin</i> .....      | LSH      |
| <i>Missouri</i> .....             | LSH                | <i>Wyoming</i> .....        | LSH      |

### KEY

#### California Title

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|-----------|---|
| AUD ..... | <i>Clinical or Rehabilitative Services: Audiology</i>   |
| LSH.....  | <i>Clinical or Rehabilitative Services: Language, Speech, and Hearing</i>   |
| O&M.....  | <i>Clinical or Rehabilitative Services: Orientation and Mobility</i>  |
| SCA ..... | <i>Clinical or Rehabilitative Services: Language, Speech, and Hearing including the Special Class Authorization</i> |

#### Federal Disability Categories

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| AUD ..... | <i>Audiology</i>   |
| LSH.....  | <i>Language, Speech, and Hearing Therapy</i>   |
| O&M.....  | <i>Orientation and Mobility</i>  |
| SCA ..... | <i>Language, Speech, and Hearing Therapy, plus authorization to teach classes for students with aphasia and other speech and language disabilities</i> |